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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

New Date for the October 2016 Customs Broker License Examination

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

ACTION: General Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has changed the date on which the semi-annual written examination for an individual broker's license will be held in October 2016.

DATES: The customs broker's license examination scheduled for October 2016 will be held on Wednesday, October 5.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), provides that a person (an individual, corporation, association, or partnership) must hold a valid customs broker's license and permit in order to transact customs business on behalf of others, sets forth standards for the issuance of broker's licenses and permits, and provides for the taking of disciplinary action against brokers that have engaged in specified types of infractions. This section also provides that an examination may be conducted to assess an applicant's qualifications for a license.

The regulations issued under the authority of section 641 are set forth in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 111 (19 CFR 111). Part 111 sets forth the regulations regarding the licensing of, and granting of permits to, persons seeking to transact customs business as customs brokers. These regulations also include the qualifications required of applicants and the procedures for applying for licenses and permits. 19 CFR 111.11 sets forth the basic requirements for a broker's license and, in 19 CFR 111.11(a)(4), provides that an applicant for an individual broker's license must attain a passing grade (75 percent or higher) on a written examination.

19 CFR 111.13 sets forth the requirements and procedures for the written examination for an individual broker's license and states that written customs broker license examinations will be given on the first Monday in April and October unless the regularly scheduled examination date conflicts with a national holiday, religious observance, or other foreseeable event.

CBP recognizes that the first Monday in October 2016 coincides with the observance of the religious holiday of Rosh Hashanah. In consideration of this conflict, CBP has decided to change the regularly scheduled date of the examination. This document announces that CBP has scheduled the October 2016 broker license examination for Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

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